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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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METHOD FOR REMOVING OXIDE LAYER AND SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS FOR REMOVING OXIDE LAYER 412B 415/03 MW

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 20 December 2002, and concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed herewith, please-amend-the-above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same claim numbers.

7. (Amended) A semiconductor manufacturing apparatus for use in removing an oxide layer, comprising:

a vertically movable susceptor installed at a lower portion of a processing